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MONTANA WING MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN 2006 MONTANA AVIATION CONFERENCE

HELENA, MT – Montana Wing was well represented at the 2006 Montana Aviation Conference earlier this month. Sponsored by the Montana Aeronautics Division of Montana Department of Transportation and co-hosted by several aviation organizations, the annual conference offers pilots, educators, aviation trade representatives, and service organizations an opportunity to network and socialize.

Featuring top aviation speakers, workshops, dozens of exhibitors, and the presentation of awards and scholarships, the event is a cross-section of the Montana aviation community. Nearly 600 attended this year's conference. Many CAP members were among that number.



Major Kaye Ebelt poses with featured banquet speaker Erik Lindbergh. Lindbergh is the grandson of Charles and Anne Lindbergh and, among other things, is Director of the Lindbergh Foundation.

Dr. Don Morton of University of Montana, also known as Capt. Don Morton of Missoula Composite Squadron, presented sessions on Basic Aerodynamics, Aircraft Systems, and Flight Navigation. He teaches computer science and is engaged in weather modeling research; he also teaches a ground school at the University.



University professor and Civil Air Patrol Captain Don Morton demonstrates an aviation principle at *Challenge Education with Aviation* workshop.

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Montana Wing also staffed a booth throughout the conference, offering information about CAP and its membership opportunities to conference attendees. The booth was staffed by C/TSGT Spencer Gilchrist; C/MSGT Casey Johnson; C/2nd Lt. Ashley Smith; 1st Lts. Dennis Coulson, Donald Eisenmenger, Shelly Hoffman, and Duane Lund; Capt. Gil Johnson; and Maj. Rob Hoffman, all of Lewis and Clark Composite Squadron, and MTWG Public Affairs Officer Maj. Doris Van Hoven; State Director Joe Macklin also assisted with the display. (Continued on Page 2)



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Major Kaye Ebelt, in aviator garb, poses with an Aerospace Education display. (Left)



Lewis and Clark Composite Squadron Cadets C/MSGT Casey Johnson, C/TSgt Spencer Gilchrist, and C/2d Lt. Ashley Smith greeted visitors to Montana Wing's booth. (Right)

CADETS FROM MALMSTROM CADET SQUADRON, BEARTOOTH COMPOSITE SQUADRON, ATTEND AIRMAN LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

GREAT FALLS, MT-- Seven cadets--five as students and two as teachers--from two squadrons attended Airman Leadership School March 18-19 at Malmstrom AFB, Great Falls, MT. Cadets Mollie Coates and Kaitlyn Ryan of Malmstrom Cadet Squadron were joined by their Cadet Commander C/CMsgt Cody Reck. From Beartooth Composite, Cadets Ian Eschler, Keith Winkler, and Philip Schmidt were joined by squadron Admin NCO C/SMsgt Carl Schmidt. Instruction included history, drill & ceremonies, chain of command, customs & courtesies, uniform wear, and leadership topics. Senior staff included Major Jeff Mueller, Wing Director of Cadet Programs, Capt. Debra Smith, Malmstrom Cadet Squadron Commander, and, as tactical



officers, Senior Members Margaret and Pete Schmidt. State Director Joe Macklin also spoke to the cadets. Wing Commander Col. Jan Van Hoven visited the class, presenting attendees with Montana Wing Challenge Coins. Wing Public Affairs Officer Maj. Doris Van Hoven and Lts. Mark and Rita Reck of Malmstrom Cadet Squadron also visited the class.

C/SMsgt Carl Schmidt leads discussion at ALS (Left)



CALLING ALL CADETS:

MONTANA WING ANNOUNCES THREE CADET COMPETITIONS

Earn scholarships for encampment, other cadet activities

Best Prepared Speech Present the winning speech at the Montana Wing Conference, Billings, April 28-30, and you can win a \$125 scholarship to encampment or another cadet activity of your choice. Second place will bring you a \$75 scholarship, and third place nets \$50 in scholarship money. Judging will take place during one of the cadet breakout sessions on Saturday, April 29. The winner will also have an opportunity to present his or her winning speech at the banquet that night. Choose one of these topics as your starting point, but don't be afraid to be creative to deliver a strong and interesting message.

1. Discuss the impacts one person had on Air and Space Power.
2. Choose a person who exemplifies great leadership; what can we learn from this individual?

Encampment Logo Design the 2006 Montana Wing Encampment T-Shirts and win a \$25 cadet scholarship! Design must be simple. T-Shirts will be white on black (but your artwork can be black on white), must include the words "Montana Wing Encampment" and "2006." Judging will take place at Wing Conference. If you can't attend, send your entry to: 1st Lt Rita Reck, 4221 Morningside Circle, Great Falls, MT 59405.

Drill Down Be the last one standing at the 2006 Montana Wing Conference Drill Down, and you'll walk away with a \$50 cadet scholarship.

DO YOU SPEAK CAP? TEST YOURSELF

Quick! How many of these expressions can you explain?
(Answers on next page.)

1. Abernaki
2. AFUB
3. Buck Slip
4. CFG
5. Close the hangar doors
6. DEWG
7. GMD-6D
8. ISAR
9. MOGAS
10. NLT
11. SCN
12. WAG

Don't worry if a few of these whizzed over your head. Check out the wing website Resource page for CAPSPEAK. Lt Col Amanda Anderson of MER has put together an excellent 29-page guide explaining many CAP acronyms and expressions.

www.mtwg.cap.gov/resources.html

2006 MONTANA WING ENCAMPMENT INFORMATION NOW ONLINE

Montana Wing Director of Cadet Programs Maj. Jeff Mueller is currently accepting applications for encampment staff and attendees. The encampment is June 17-25 at MAFB. Complete information is available at: www.mtwg.cap.gov

NEW MIMS RESOURCE AVAILABLE

Next time you're lost in the MIMS maze, reach for this new revision (24 Jan 2006) of Maj. LaPierre's 44-page handbook for e-Services--M.I.M.S./FMS (Member Information Management System/Flight Management System). Arranged by desired outcome, it outlines step-by-step procedures for successful navigation through almost any MIMS task. By Maj Howard LaPierre of CAWG. PDF Download available on MTWG Resource Page: www.mtwg.cap.gov/resources.html



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COMMUNITY PARTNERS CARDS

By 1st Lt Rita Reck

Malmstrom Cadet Squadron PAO

Thanks to Albertsons grocery stores, raising funds for our organization has never been easier. The Community Partners program has been providing Malmstrom Cadet Squadron with quarterly cash donations since 2002. Each quarter, our squadron receives a check from Albertsons. The amounts vary from a few dollars to more than \$30.00.

How does the program work? In past years, participants would receive a Community Partners card that they would show the cashier along with their Preferred Savings card each time they used it. Now, all you have to do is show your Partner's card once and it is automatically and permanently linked to the Preferred card. You can also register online or print out a form and mail it in. Once you are "linked up," a percentage of every purchase you make (there are a few exceptions, such as tobacco and alcohol) will go to your squadron - at no additional cost to you!

Fundraising could not possibly be any simpler! If you shop at Albertsons, why not raise money for your squadron when you do! For information on the Community Partners program, go to:

www.albertsons.com

and click on the community page.

Editor's note: Malmstrom Cadet Squadron is not the only squadron to discover this fundraising avenue. Consider adding your squadron to the list of Montana Wing Squadrons currently participating in the Community Partners Program.

CAPSPEAK CLUES

Here are the answers to the Capspeak Quiz on Page 3:

1. New Hampshire Wing Tactical Call Sign.
2. Air Force Uniform Board
3. Routing slip that requires signatures. (passing the buck)
4. Certified Flight Instructor-Glider
5. Don't talk about CAP business at social functions.
6. Delaware Wing
7. Desk jockey answer to, "What do you fly?" (Gray metal desk, 6 drawers.)
8. Inland Search and Rescue School
9. Automotive Fuel
10. No later than
11. Scanner
12. Wing Assessment Guide

MONTANA WING CALENDAR

New and Updated Items in RED

Find more information about listed events at www.mtwg.cap.gov

March 1-April 30, 2006

G1000 Training, Various Locations

March 25-26, 2006

Ground Team Winter Survival FTX, Helena, MT

April 15, 2006

Montana Wing Encampment STAFF Application Deadline

April 28-30, 2006

Montana Wing Conference, Billings, MT

Quarterly Wing Staff Meeting, During Conference, Billings, MT

May 1-June 30, 2006

G1000 Training, Various Locations

May 5-7, 2006

SAR/DR/HLS/CD Training or Table Top, Laurel, MT

Preparation for Guided Sarex

May 13-14, 2006

Encampment Staff Academy, MAFB, Great Falls, MT

May 19, 2006

Encampment Application Deadline

May 22-25, 2006

Governor's Emergency Preparedness Summit, Billings, MT

May 20-26, 2006

Pacific Region Staff College, Nellis AFB, Las Vegas, NV

June 9-11, 2006

Montana Guided SAR, Location: Red Lodge

June 17-25, 2006

Montana Wing Cadet Encampment, Malmstrom AFB

July 1-Aug 31, 2006

G1000 Training, Various Locations

July 3-10, 2006

National Cadet Week

July 15, 2006

Quarterly Wing Staff Meeting, Malmstrom AFB, Great Falls, MT

July 15-22, 2006

Southwest Region Staff College, Kirtland AFB, Albuquerque, NM

July 29-30, 2006

SAR/DR/HLS/CD and Wing Picnic, Valier, MT

August 9-12

Summer National Boards, Reno, NV

August 19-20, 2006

Mountain Fury, Location TBA

September 23-24, 2006

SAR/DR/HLS/CD, Laurel, MT